

FORTUNES ON THEIR BACKS

Washington Women Dress for the Inaugural Ball.

QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE

NOTED WIDOWS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, Feb. 12.—In the midst of the rush of entertaining at the capital prominent women are finding time to discuss gowns for the inaugural ball. Once on a time within the memory of the present generation official women thought anything good enough to wear to these national crushes. The condition of the ball room, the absolute lack of any semblance of comfort in the toilet rooms, or on the floor, made it rank extravagance to wear a fashionable dress. But all this has changed. The velvet sarcophagi of diplomats and travelers about holding state balls in the adapted building with its greenery covering the unsuitable environments, unfortunately, still applies to the preparation. But the inaugural committee are bravely using the money in hand to make the ball a thing of beauty. Portraits of former presidents, their wives, and the statesmen, warriors, scholars and patriots of the nation will cover the walls.

Fine Plumage.

But even the pension bore, the host of women in official life, and hundreds of notable people from all parts of the country are determined that in the matter of fine plumage and wealth of gems this inaugural ball will be memorable in history. Mrs. Roosevelt will appear in the first seemingly extravagant gown which she has worn as mistress of the White House. It will be of American make, though the lace and silk which will be here to come from Brussels and have been carefully selected by Miss Carow, her sister, who has been spending the winter abroad, but who will be here for the inauguration. The color and general design of Mrs. Roosevelt's gown are kept a profound secret, but small hints are given that it is of the gown will approach \$5,000. Mrs. Fairbanks is also to appear in a regal gown, being designed in New York, and all the cabinet women are ordering as handsome toilets as their resources will permit.

Question of Precedence.

The women of the diplomatic corps are holding off until they know just where they are to appear in the procession. The grand march will approach in dignity and brilliancy all that should be expected on such occasions, and will, of course, be led by the president and his wife, Mrs. Fairbanks, second in line. Then comes the Russian ambassador, dean of the corps, and the pliant Countess Marguerite, followed by the other ambassadors, the chief justice, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house.

It has again been suggested that the five heads of the three coordinate branches of this government form a distinct class. This would make the procession consist, first, of the president and his wife, second, of the president and his wife, then the chief justice and his daughter, Miss Fannie Fuller, the head of the judiciary, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house, and then the speaker of the house and Miss Cannon, tripling the list of the branches of the great triumvirate. But the ambassadors will not listen to any such argument. They must come after the vice president or they will simply witness the grand pageant as guests from the gallery. This latter course probably will, after all, be the most satisfactory. The inaugural ball is a national and not an international affair, and the diplomatic corps comes merely as guests and not in an official capacity.

Washington Widows.

The fascination which official life possesses for those who have once been in the light, is presented in strong colors by the increasing colony of the widows of famous men. Now there are no less than nine women who have occupied the loftiest places in social and official life. They are Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart, wife of a vice president, Mrs. Henry C. Payne, wife of a cabinet minister, Mrs. Mark Hanna, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. "Phil" Sheridan, Mrs. James McMillan, widow of the highly respected senator from Michigan, and Mrs. T. De Witt Tamm, the surviving widow of the eminent divine. Mrs. Tamm is the only member of this body of women who is young enough to be considered a matrimonial possibility. In addition to being an exceedingly handsome and well groomed woman, she has a fine fortune and a magnificently equipped home in the heart of the fashionable section. She purchased her house, which is almost opposite the German embassy, from the heirs of Dr. Talmage's estate immediately after the probate of the will. She paid a round sum for the house and furniture. But Mrs. Tamm was devoted to the famous preacher, albeit she was the third wife. Everything connected with him and his work and his Washington mission is sacred to her, and she keeps up the home exactly as during his life time. This winter she has thrown off the widow's weeds entirely and is wearing the finest toilet seen here in years.

Made Strong Argument.

One of the strongest arguments made in the senate in favor of single statehood for the former territories clamoring for admission into the union

terhood of states was that made by Senator Clark of Montana. Mr. Clark argued that in matters of population, intelligence, wealth and material resources, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and the Indian territory all the requirements of single statehood. The senator laid the facts before the senate in a forcible, interesting and lucid manner, and were it not for the fact that the subject of admitting the territories into the Union was a matter of political policy instead of a matter of justice and right, Senator Clark's argument in their behalf would have settled the question in the minds of senators without further delay. Republican senators fear that the eight new senators who would be elected to congress in course of time would mean eight new votes for the Democratic side. From a partisan standpoint this is not to be tolerated, therefore, the doubling up process must go forward to a successful conclusion, or else the territories will remain as they are for an indefinite period.

A Limited List.

According to a New York authority by way of a book recently published, there are less than a dozen people residing in Washington who are entitled to recognition, or, in other words, are worthy of being seated at the very select set are Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald De Koven, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore, the Honorable Mr. Wetmore, Messrs. Rogers and William Wetmore and Miss Alice Roosevelt. Through the author's course of reasoning we come to the realization that President and Mrs. Roosevelt are not of the favored few. How, then, account for the elevation of their eldest daughter?

By actual count, according to the last official census taken of Washington's most exclusive set there are exactly 17 members of that body. Three of the number reside in the Philippines, which is well for our kindly efforts in taming and civilizing the natives, permitting them to share our best refining influence. One of these three is General Corbin, an ex-senator and a national reputation as a poker player.

Zemstvo for the District.

Zemstvo, or other movement towards rational legislation, might be taken by the people of the District of Columbia, we may judge by the widespread discontent with existing conditions. Within the past week it has been suggested that the district should have one going on, and why? Whenever an abuse is to be corrected, each of the three commissioners says it comes under the jurisdiction of the district. The public stands helpless, while the triumvirate amuses itself with this edifying game of three-cornered tag. During the past effort strong efforts were made to increase the salaries of public school teachers. The bill was defeated by a technicality. In self-justification the house committee appropriations said that the committee on the District of Columbia should do the work, and the district committee retorted in kind. The national government has charge of the local business, under the direct supervision of the division of public buildings and grounds, yet the district commissioners break up the ice there to spoil skating on the lake that some cities would spend a million to acquire just for such sport. Everywhere about us there is indefiniteness of responsibility. By whom are we governed, or do we "just get along somehow?"

Works Already Established.

According to the Daily Express the works to which Mr. Littlefield referred are those which the syndicate has recently acquired on the south coast of England. They include three hundred and one acres in area, with dams and sluices complete. Adjacent to these works are about four hundred or five hundred acres of land that used to form a part of the local harbor. The land has been reclaimed and all that is necessary to level and clear it and cut sluices in the embankment, when it would be ready for the manufacture of gold.

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SEA WATER FULL OF VIRGIN GOLD

Process of Extraction Discovered by an Englishman.

NO LIMIT TO PRODUCTION

SYNDICATE FORMED TO BEGIN OPERATIONS.

London, Feb. 12.—It will doubtless be recalled that assertions were made several years ago of the discovery of a method of extracting gold from sea water and the derision with which the idea was laughed out of court. London folk now have an opportunity to invest their money in such an undertaking, for which it is averred that an unlimited supply of the precious metal can be obtained from sea water at a cost of £10 for every £100 extracted. Sir William Ramsay, whose scientific reputation is of the highest, has been retained by a syndicate which is called the Industrial & Engineering Trust (Ld.), and the shareholders of which include Lord Brassey, Lord Tweeddale, the Honorable Alban Gibbs, several manufacturers and Albert Sandeman, former governor of New Zealand. The syndicate has the modest capital of £3,000 in £1 shares.

Sir William Believes in It.

Sir William Ramsay has made experiments of which he says in a formal report that "there is no doubt Snell has proved that gold can be profitably taken from sea water on a large scale, and the amount of the gold obtained is so large that whether the cost of the treatment is £4 a ton or even the outside figure of £8 a ton, which it could not exceed, it would not make very much difference."

His Assistant Goes Further.

R. D. Littlefield, an assistant of Sir William, goes further than his chief, and in a report to the syndicate quoted as saying: "As far as I can see, it only remains for you to say how much gold you want a day, and it can be produced. I would advise you to put down enormous works at one place, because I think it might get out of hand, and I think it will be best for you to split the works up into units. The cost will not exceed 10 per cent on gold extracted, including interest on capital, management, etc."

As Much Gold as Wanted.

"These are enormous figures, and I noticed one or two of you smiled when I mentioned you could have as much gold as you wanted. It is quite practical. You cannot help having four hundred acres £7,000,000 worth of gold per annum. It is only a question of putting down so many sets of works to increase your output up to what you want."

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OODEN NEWS

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REPRESENTATIVE'S SON DIES.

Passing of Rulon S. Thompson at State School for Deaf.

Rulon S. Thompson, son of Bishop O'Connell, died at the state school for the deaf, where the lad was an inmate, of pneumonia, at the age of 16 years, which took a virulent form and brought about the fatal result. His father, who is a state representative from his home county, was with the boy at the time of his death, and had been practically all the time while the illness was thought to be critical, about four days ago. The lad was nearly 16 years of age, and one of the very brightest that ever entered the school. He was one of the class that went to the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, and one of the stars of the class. From the very outset his case seemed one of the very worst forms of measles, and there was fear that he was suffering from diphtheria. Dr. George W. Baker, the school physician, reported it to the state board of health and had tests made which were conclusive that the case was not diphtheria. A trained nurse was secured and everything done that was possible to effect a recovery, but the disease would not yield to treatment, and the little sufferer passed away.

FATAL FAMILY QUARREL.

HUSBAND IN THE MORGUE

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 12.—Edward R. Koehn and wife, Eleanor, who were married only seven weeks, engaged in a pistol duel today with the result that the husband's body is now in the morgue. The couple quarreled immediately after marriage and Koehn returned this morning and Koehn demanded the reason of her presence. Angry words followed and Koehn, so the wife said, brandished a revolver and fired at her. She seized a second revolver under a mattress and as Koehn fired again she shot at him four times. One bullet entered his neck, killing him.

MAN AND BOY DROWNED.

Mayville, Cal., Feb. 12.—Ernest Blackman and his 16-year-old son Earl, of Meridian, Sutter county, were drowned in the Sacramento river this afternoon while crossing in a rowboat. A third man escaped death by clinging to the overturned boat. The bodies were recovered late in the evening near the place where the accident occurred.

KICKED BY A HORSE.

Young Man of Farr West Receives Dangerous Injuries.

James Martin of Farr West, son of Bishop Martin of that place, is in a very critical condition as the result of a kick from a horse which occurred yesterday. The young man was taking the harness off the animal when it jumped and kicked him in the right leg, inflicting quite serious internal injuries. Dr. George W. Baker, who was summoned and attended the injured man.

UNKNOWN HAIR RESTORER.

Actors' Property Is Returned to Them By Man Who Withheld Name.

The missing wigs, cosmetics and other toilet articles belonging to members of the Mack Swain theater company, which were removed from the dressing rooms yesterday, have been returned to the company. Following up a tip given to Manager Grant, the missing articles were disclosed, the articles were found in one of the windows of the stage. No further search is to be made for the identity of the man who did the hair-lifting act.

Contest Case to Be Resumed.

The contest case of Daniel Hamer against Albert Howell, district judge, will come up again this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Howell in the municipal court of legal proceedings. The taking of testimony should begin today, it is possible that other technical questions may be raised. As the case stands now, the defendant in the Sacramento river this afternoon while crossing in a rowboat. A third man escaped death by clinging to the overturned boat. The bodies were recovered late in the evening near the place where the accident occurred.

Church Roof Takes Fire.

The roof of the Congregational church caught fire last evening about 7:30, the blaze starting from the sparks which fell from the chimney. The fire department, the damage being merely nominal.

Ogden Briefs.

A boy has been born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker of West Ogden. Judge O. W. Powers returned last night from Salt Lake to be in attendance this morning at the contest case in the district court.

By the explosion of a stove yesterday morning in the home of R. Taylor on Twenty-first street some damage was done to the premises, a number of the windows being shattered by the force of the explosion.

What is a Backache?

IT IS NATURE'S WARNING TO WOMEN

Diseases of Woman's Organism Cured and Consequent Pain Stopped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

"It seems as though my back would break." Women utter these words over and over again, but continue to drag along and suffer with aches in the small of the back, pain low down in the side, "bearing down" pains, nervousness and no ambition for any task.

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SNARED BY THE JAPS.

Tokio, Feb. 12, 3 p. m.—The German steamer Paros, bound for Vladivostok, was seized off Hokkaido on Friday. Her cargo consisted of shipbuilding material and foodstuffs.

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